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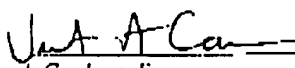
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## RESPONSE TO ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on January 13, 2005, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response expires on April 13, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.